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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Sir:

The present application is a U.S. national phase of PCT Application No. PCT/IB00/00310, filed March 20, 2000. The present application is also a continuation-in-part of USSN 09/701,531 (national of PCT/IL99/00284), USSN 09/701,523 (national of PCT/IL99/00285), PCT/IL99/00670 and PCT/IL99/00674.

Applicants respectfully direct the attention of the Examiner to art cited with respect to the aforementioned applications. The Examiner is respectfully requested to review and consider this art, in accordance with MPEP 2001.06, MPEP 1893.03(e) and MPEP 1893.03(g) and to indicate in the first office action that he has considered this art. Additionally, the Examiner is respectfully requested to cite those prior art publications mentioned in this application which the Examiner considers to be material or relevant to the present claims.

Further, in order to comply with discretionary regulations 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, attached is Form PTO-1449 listing the cited art. Copies<sup>1</sup> of the art are available in parent files U.S. Application No. 09/701,523 filed on November 28, 2000 (items 92-94 and 112) and U.S. Application No. 09/701,531 filed on November 28, 2000 (items 1-20, 22-38, 40-70, 74-90 and 95-111). This art contains information which the examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to allow the present application to issue as a patent.

<sup>1</sup> To the extent that a document is listed and no copy of same is attached, then such document is not at the present time available to the undersigned or is available in the national stage file. If a listed document is not in the English language and an English translation is readily available, such translation is also attached; if translation is not attached, it is not readily available to the undersigned. If a foreign language patent document is cited, and an English language equivalent is known to the undersigned, then such an equivalent patent is also cited on the attached form along with the corresponding foreign language patent and a connecting arrow indicated therebetween; if no such English language equivalent is cited then none is known to the undersigned.

Applicants wish to point out that 21, 39, 71-73 and 91 were cited on the PCT International Search Report. Copies of these items are not attached as they are available in the national stage file.

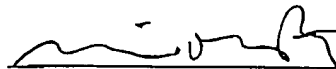
Although DE Publication No. 28 22 603 (item 112) is in a foreign language, US equivalent is not known to the applicants and is therefore not provided. Applicants attach a copy of an English language abstract of the reference.

In accordance with MPEP Section 609 it is requested that each document cited (including any mentioned in Applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached PTO-1449 form) be given thorough consideration and be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing on the PTO-1449 form, so that it will appear on the face of the patent issuing on the present application, even if the Examiner does not consider it sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with.

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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Abstract (Basic): DE 2822603 A

The instrument closes a tissue fault such as a muscular rupture, using a shield which is brought to the fault in the folded state in a capsule. After capsule removal it is unfolded, and removed from a probe carrying the capsule.

To correct a septum defect there are detachable scissor-type supporting members (12) on the probe (8), having fixed to them a skin which can be held taut by them. A guide catheter moves coaxially to the probe and extends them radially into the taut position in relation to it.

Title Terms: TISSUE; FAULT; CLOSE; INSTRUMENT; SKIN; FIX; SCISSORS; TYPE;

SUPPORT; EXPAND; RADIAL; CATHETER; PROBE

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